



OVER FORTIES TRAMPING CLUB NEWSLETTER 471 JUNE 2021



Mt Ruapehu Basecamp, February 10-17, Photo Paul Maurice (see trip report on Page 6).



Adams Arboretum, Greendale, April 21. The Vets at the remains of the T.W. Adams family sod home built in 1863. 'TW' had a great interest in forestry and it's worthwhile members reading about him in Google. We also visited the Darfield Forest —Clive Morriss

You are invited to...

Midwinter Gathering

**Wednesday June 23
12 noon
Sumner Surf Life Saving Club**

Surnames A-M please bring soup; M-Z please bring finger food.
Alison Ford (021 077 6932) and Alec Mills (388 5002) will be leading two walks from 10 a.m. Finger food or soup can be left at the Surf Club any time after 9 a.m. in a container with your name on it . Club members no longer walking are very welcome to come for the meal and a "catch up ". And remember that there is a bus service from town to the Surf Club.

David Jones 027 288 5845



G3 Pudding Hill, April 28. Photo Russell Ramsden

Note the deadline for Newsletter items to the Editor is the 20th of every month for the following month's Newsletter—send to Mavis Airey at mavis.airey@xtra.co.nz AND Terry Stevens at terendy2@gmail.com

**Trip details by the 15th of every month to Trip Collators: Saturday and Sunday trips to Vicki Steven—421 0060 mob 022 130 4342 vicki_steven2005@yahoo.com.au
Wednesday trips to Barbro Guard—980 2792 guard.gabk@gmail.com.**

Please note — address all correspondence pertaining to Club business to the Secretary

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CHAIR'S REPORT

You will be aware from past issues of Going Places and the AGM that the committee are reviewing our relationship with FMC.

In conversations with many of you, there are a wide range of views from those who are uninterested to those who are passionate. And so to get an accurate sounding of your views, we are going to conduct an online survey in the next few months, and the survey results will be the basis for the committee's decision.

Also as part of the survey, we will ask you if you wish to continue receiving Backcountry (FMC's quarterly publication). Some of you treasure these, others bin them, and it would be helpful to know how widely Backcountry is appreciated.

By way of review, our options are to be fully or partially affiliated with FMC.

Full affiliation means that every OFTC member becomes a supporter of FMC. Partial affiliation means that OFTC members can choose to be FMC supporters under the umbrella of OFTC. All those who are FMC supporters receive the FMC Discount Card and Backcountry..

The facts you need to know:

Full affiliation: OFTC pays \$15 per member to FMC. After paying for the production of Backcountry, the net contribution to FMC is about \$3.80pp, or \$1520 total.

Partial Affiliation: OFTC pays \$17 for each person who chooses to support FMC. This nets FMC \$5.80 per supporter..

Other implications would be:

- We would move to a user pays system which would be \$27.80 for those choosing to be an FMC supporter (the extra \$10.80 being postage)
- There would be some reduction in the base membership subscription, probably around \$10
- We would look at making a direct donation to FMC (perhaps as much as \$2000) and would have funds available to donate to other organisations from whom OFTC benefits.

Allan Brent from FMC gave an enlightening talk at the last club night . The takeaway for me was FMC is a small group of dedicated but under resourced volunteers who see their role as one of keeping DOC true to their legislated mandate, and to produce Backcountry (which is a very professional publication) It also occurred to me that as an affiliate, we may- be should be more proactive in relating to FMC. But that is another story for the future.

In other news, David Jones has agreed to take on the role of Social Coordinator. Because he is no longer on the Committee, this will be an ex-officio role. So if you have ideas, or want to help, contact David. Events like the mid winter nosh, Christmas function, Pub Quiz night, and Club nights fall within this role's ambit. Committee member Chris Clark will work with David. Many thanks to David and Chris for taking this on.

Lawrence Allpress

P.S. It is with great sadness I have to inform you that **Russell Ramsden** was hit by a truck as he rode home from work around 5.30 pm on May 21, and was killed. Russell was a former Chair of the club, the leader of many backpacking adventures, a keen photographer and a friend to many and a good mate.

Our thoughts are very much with Maiva, and son Grant.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New members

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Changed contact details

Keith Bucknell	Landline disconnected	esconsulting.kb@gmail.com
Jenny Hoffman	Incorrectly noted in April Going Places	jennybarbarah@gmail.com

Resignations (years in OFTC)

Marie Cooke (15)	Dionne Horne (3)	Linda Wright (2)	Judy Yarwood (7)
Jayne Mark (4)	Grant Holmes (10)	Lynn Waring (4)	Michelle Welch (7)

Membership

Female	237
Male	159
TOTAL	396

Judy Collin

DAY TRIP PROGRAMME

The tramps are listed in order of difficulty, with the easiest first, then moderate, then harder.
If you are unsure of a tramp please check with the tramp leader.

NQ means that this tramp is not a qualifying tramp for prospective new members.
All other day tramps grade 2 and above are qualifying tramps.
Travel costs for trips are calculated at three passengers per car.

Please note: It is club policy that these day tramps and the tramping programmes detailed in the newsletter are for members only.
Also **times given are indicative only** and do not include car travel to and from the tramp.

CANCELLATIONS

Go to the OFTC website home page - Cancellation Notices.

TRAMP PLANNERS

Note — Please forward your draft list to the Club Captain by the 20th of each month

Saturday

Wednesday	Veterans	Alec Mills	338 5002
		Suzanne Fenwick	376 5026
	Grade 1	Howard Harvey	342 9377
			021 136 3043
	Grade 2	Pamela Gibbons	332 7531
		Graeme Brown	383 3732
	Grade 3	Peter Moody	351 7448
	Grade 3-4	Marcel Robb	03 928 3733
Sunday	Grade 1	Fiona Butterick	349 3960
			021 234 8622
	Grade 2	Sheila Downard	337 4201
		Gaye Morton	332 2284
		Jill Halliburton	337 4973
	Grade 3, 4 & 5	Ross Walker	027 558 2126
		Lesley Smith	338 4272
		Alison Downard	357 2089
		Peter Moore	027 773 1670

A leader has the responsibility and right to refuse anybody they consider for any reason may not be able to cope with the conditions.

SUNDAY TRAMPS**JUNE 6****Kaituna Valley to Mt Herbert BP06a NQ**

Cost : \$9

*From the head of the Kaituna Valley (the topmost home-
stead), climb on farm track to top walkway. Follow ridge
track to Mt Herbert, lunch on the tops or at the shelter.
Returning the same way.*

Grade : 1

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Paula Boot 331 6057, 021 025 58204

Barnett Park/Evans Pass/Taylor's Mistake/Barnett Park PH82

Cost : nil. Bring Gold card, Metro card or cash if planning to take the bus

Walk up Eastenders Track to Summit Road, down to Evans Pass via gun emplacements, Scarborough Bluffs track then down to Taylor's Mistake. Coastal route back to Sumner and Barnett Park. If you've done enough walking at Sumner take the bus back to Barnett Park.

Grade : 2

Depart : Barnett Park at 9.00 am

Time : 5+ hrs

Leader : Pamela Gibbons 332 7531, 022 678 0398

Reminders to Tramp Leaders**TO CANCEL A DAY TRAMP**

Go to OFTC website and log in. Click on *Members* section, then click on *Cancellations* on the left hand side list. Type your message into the dialog box then click save. **CANCELLATIONS MUST BE DONE 1½ HOURS BEFORE DEPARTURE.**

Any changes to your trip or equipment requirements should be placed 12 hours in advance. Leaders are no longer required to go to the start meeting place provided this has been notified earlier

LOCATOR BEACONS

Collect and carry these. **Please note** — they are collected from the Z Service Stations at Belfast or Barrington and Mobil at Yaldhurst. For any private use of these beacons please contact Peter Oliver to arrange (332 3050 or 027 438 5082).

AT THE END OF THE TRAMP

Please send the number of participants to:
Sally Timms salgav@xtra.co.nz)

Please send mileage details etc to marcel.robb@gmail.com.

JUNE 6 CONTINUED**Stony Bay BP91**

Cost : \$21.00

From Stony Bay Saddle, walk down the road to the Pikimai zigzag. Descend to join the Opatuti track and continue to the bottom of Hinewai reserve. Shortly after, in a paddock, turn left and cross a stile over the fence to enter Mokimoki bush. Follow the track down to the beach. Return via either the Mokimoki gorge or Kawakawa tracks to rejoin the Opatuti track. Follow this track to the top to join the Tara track and the start. This is a very sheltered walk.

Grade : 3

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove Tce and Ferniehurst St at 8.00am

Time : 5-5.30 hours

Leader : Ian Fussell 021 027 19869

JUNE 13**Templeman Farm Teddington PH88**

Grade 1 will be joining Grade 2 for this tramp. Please see Grade 2 information.

Templeman Farm, Teddington PH 90

Cost : \$3

A lovely walk on farm tracks over rolling countryside with wonderful views down the harbour. Taken at an easy pace.

Grade : 1 and 2 combined

Depart : Cnr Ashgrove and Ferniehurst at 9.00 am

Time : 4+ hrs

Leader : Bruce Stanton 338 1909

JUNE 13 CONTINUED

Woolshed creek via Bus Stop W040

Cost : 28

From Woolshed Creek carpark, an initial climb to the Bus Stop, a viewpoint on the lower slopes of Mt Somers, then a sidle before dropping down to the waterfall and hut for lunch. Return via old coal mine.

Grade : 3

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : Sue Weller 021 194 9550

JUNE 20

Sumner to Mt Pleasant PHx NQ

Cost : Nil

Scarborough Bluffs track, Greenwood track, Mt Pleasant trig, maybe to the Gondola. Return CRW, gun emplacements, Captain Thomas track.

Grade : 1

Depart : Horse Paddock, end of LOWER Sumnervale Dr, Sumner at 9.00 am

Time : 4-5.5 hrs

Leader : Fiona Butterick 349 3960, 021 234 8622

Adventure Park and beyond PHx

Cost : Nil

Walk up track through Adventure Park to CRW and onwards.

Grade : 2

Depart : Adventure Park carpark off Worsley Road at 9.00am

Time : 4+ hrs

Leader : Chris Clark 027 487 9221

Co-Leader: TBC

Wharfedale Saddle NW19

Cost : \$14

The tramp starts from View Hill, and initially follows the Wharfedale Track, before heading up a steepish climb, towards Mt Oxford. Take the track, on the left towards the Wharfedale Hut (signposted at Pt 1130) and then turn left at Pt 975 to the Wharfedale Saddle. From the saddle, turn left and follow the Wharfedale Track back to View Hill. The track from Pt975 to the Wharfedale Saddle has been marked with pink cruise tape; it is a route rather than an obvious track, but it is still quite easily negotiated.

Grade : 3

Depart Belfast Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 6 hrs

Leader : Paul Knox 027 208 5070

JUNE 27

Victoria Park to Bellbird PHx NQ

Cost : \$Nil

From Victoria Park, walk tracks via the Kiwi and Trig V to the Bellbird. Return via different tracks.

Grade : 1

Depart : Victoria Park main car park at 9.00am

Time : 4-5 hrs

Leader : Gabrielle Bolt 339 8084

JUNE 27 CONTINUED

Mt Richardson N09

Cost : \$13

Invigorating climb through pleasant beech forest to Mt Richardson (1047m). Return via Blowhard and Bypass track. Good views across Lees Valley to Puketeraki Range.

Grade : 2+

Depart : Belfast Hotel carpark at 8.30am Note earlier start time

Time : 5-6 hrs

Leader : Jill Halliburton 337 4973; 021 0226 7556

Woolshed Hill from Hawdon shelter and back via Hawdon River W050

Cost : \$28

A moderate climb from Hawdon shelter to the summit (1431). Travel along ridge and descend ridge through bush to Hawdon river. When dropping off top to Hawdon river look for cairn at co-ordinates 999 428 when entering bush. Pick route down following ridge to link up with trap line track, which leads to the Hawdon river. (If the river is high this tramp will be revised down to Grade 3 up and back the same way)

Grade : 4

Depart : Yaldhurst Hotel car park at 8.00am

Time : 5-6 hrs

Leader : Ross Walker 027 558 2126

WEDNESDAY TRAMPS

JUNE 2

Part CH CH 360 Trail NQ

Cost: Nil.

Commences Whites Crossing and follows stop banks and other tracks towards McLeans Island.

Depart: Belfast Hotel (The Peg) at 9.30am for short drive to start of tramp.

Time: 3-4 hours

Leader: Dallas Ford, 339 2308

Diamond Harbour Circular Walk BP35

Cost: \$6

From Black Rock Point proceed around the cliff walk to Diamond Harbour and on to Purau. Proceed from Purau via paper roads and tracks to the Primary School and from there to Charteris Bay yacht club and back to cars.

Grade: 2

Time: 5+hours

Depart: Cnr Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 8.30am

Leader: John Corbett, 348 3158 / 021 040 9024

Waiwera (Little River) BP63

Cost: \$ 12

From farm house, climb via ridge to trig point 684m returning via Table Hill 525m. Great Views.

Grade: 3

Departure: Cnr Ashgrove Tce & Ferniehurst St at 8am

Duration: 5 hours

Leader: Jenny Hoffman, 021 230 7577

Co leader: Russell Hignet, 027 343 6846

JUNE 9

Harry Ell / Coronation Hill NQ

Cost: Nil
Hill track taken slowly to sign of the Kiwi, loop track around Coronation Hill and return via Latters Spur Track.
 Depart: Takahe Dr (Opp. The Takahe) at 9.30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Suzanne Fenwick, 376 5026

Waimakariri Walkway: A must for Birdwatchers NQ

Cost: Nil
Walk the thin stretch of land between Brookland Lagoon and the sea to the mouth of the Waimakariri River over undulating terrain on a sandy base. If tide and weather is favourable will return via the beach. At the start there are now excellent display boards giving details about the birdlife.
 Grade: 1
 Depart: Seafield Car Park opposite Spencer Park Camping Ground at 9.30am
 Time: 4 hours.
 Leader: Howard Harvey, 3429377 / 0211363043

Mt Thomas N10

Cost: \$12
573m climb up Wooded Gully Track to Mt Thomas summit (1023m). Return down west spur (Track 2). Pleasant tramp through a range of native bush, beech forest and pine plantations.
 Grade 2
 Time: 6 hours
 Depart: Belfast Hotel at 8.30am
 Leader: Dave Morgan, 313 4783 / 027 449 5011

Mt Virginia & Mt Meehan N53

Cost: \$23
From Whitnaw Station (500m) a steady climb to Virginia Peak (986m) then follow ridge line to Mt Meehan (1150m) returning by farm track down Waitohi Valley to station. From ridge excellent views of Puketeraki Range, Gola Peaks and Hurunui River catchment area.
 Grade: 4
 Departure: Belfast Tavern car park 8 am
 Duration: 6.5 hours
 Leader: Alan Stow, 021 078 6038
 Co leader: select on the day

JUNE 16

Heathcote River and Cashmere Ramble NQ

Cost: Nil
Walking along Heathcote River and Cashmere area.
 Depart: Cnr of Ashgrove Tce/Ferniehurst St at 9.30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leaders: Colleen and John Herzog, 384 9321

Holliss Avenue / CRW Loop

Cost: Nil
From Holliss Ave, up to Latters Spur Track and Victoria Park, then down Eastside Bush and up to CRW and beyond.
 Grade 2
 Time: 5 hours
 Depart: Holliss Ave at 8.30am
 Leader: Carol Eddington, 331 7118 / 021 045 3170

JUNE 16 CONTINUED

Hurunui Peak N66

Cost: \$22
From Korari Station, west to pt 823 on Tekoa station, along ridge to Hurunui Peak and on to Gills Bush on Sandford Downs. Return to Korari homestead.
 Grade: 3
 Departure: Belfast Tavern car park 8.30 am
 Duration: 5 hours
 Leader: Kaye Young, 021 025 68702
 Co leader: Edith Goesmann, 021 801 718

JUNE 23

Mid Winter Nosh - Sumner walk NQ

Cost: Nil
Walking in the Sumner area. Back for lunch at The Surf Club.
 Depart: Car park Sumner Surf Club at 10.00am
 Time: 2 hours
 Leader: Alec Mills, 338 5002

Mid-Winter Nosh at Sumner Surf Lifesaving Club

Cost: Nil
Leave your food contribution at the surf club then we will walk around to Barnett Park, up the Eastenders Track, then down Zig Zag back to the Surf Clubrooms for lunch.
 Grade 2
 Time: 3 hours
 Depart: Sumner Surf Club at 9am
 Leader: Alan Morgan, 384 9976

JUNE 30

Hansen Park to Rapaki Track NQ

Cost: Nil
Walking from Hansen Park to Rapaki Track. An alternative local walk can be arranged if members want a shorter walk.
 Depart: Hansen Park at 9.30am
 Time: 3-4 hours
 Leader: Eileen Mc Grade, 942 7380

Flagpole W141

Cost: \$14
From the end of Flagpole road in Whitecliffs a scenic walk along farm tracks to the summit of flagpole at 900m which overlooks Whitecliffs. Visit the old copper mine which was dug in 1860's, no copper was ever found.
 Grade 2
 Time: 5 hours
 Depart: Yaldhurst Hotel at 8.30
 Leaders: Russell Hignett, 355 3670 / 027 343 6846
 Lois Prebble, 325 2838 / 021 023 56458

Mt Horrible W084

Cost: \$25
Clockwise rotation following loop track out via pylons (possibly a good track on the true left of the valley through open beech forest). Mt Horrible (1234m). Altitude climb 650m, distance 12 km. Should be good views up Waimakariri River.
 Grade: 3
 Depart: Belfast Tavern car park 8am
 Duration: 5 hours
 Leader: Wendy Cain, 338 0532
 Co leader: select on the day

Mt Ruapehu Basecamp 10-17th February 2021

There were 18 participants on the club base-camp at Iwikau Village on the slopes of Mount Ruapehu, 10th to 17th February 2021. The camp was brilliantly organised by club member Carolyn Blackford and was based at the Alpine Sports Club Hut. The hut provided spacious accommodation and had a living/dining area on the upper floor from where we enjoyed views of the sunset behind the distant peak of Mount Taranaki.

The highlight for most of us was the Tongariro Alpine Crossing, for which we had a beautiful windless and sunny day. Members who had done this walk before said that it was the quietest they had ever seen it, due to the lack of overseas visitors and the school holidays having finished. The local shuttle service picked us up from Chateau Tongariro (no, we were not staying there!) just before 7.00 a.m. to take us to the start of the track at Mangatepopo, from where we started the walk at about 7.45 a.m., and it collected us at the Ketetahi end at 4.00 p.m. We found that this gave us plenty of time for admiring the spectacular scenery and taking photos en route.



Another highlight for a smaller group of us was the day we hired a guide to take us up to Ruapehu Crater Lake. For safety reasons we decided that we needed a guide for this trip. Only two to three weeks before the camp was due to start, monitoring had shown an increase in the water temperature of the crater lake from below the normal 40 degrees to 42 degrees and this triggered a change in alert level from 1 to 2. This would have meant that we could not have got any nearer to the crater than the upper station of the gondola. Fortunately, the alert level changed back down from 2 to 1 a short time before the start of our camp. At no time may one approach to within 700m of the centre of the crater. We had a very experienced guide and a helpful and knowledgeable Japanese trainee to navigate our route up to the crater rim and back. For both the Skyline Walk (which we did on the first afternoon) and the Crater Lake Walk we availed ourselves of the impressive new (just opened in 2019) Sky Waka Gondola, to take us from Iwikau Village up to a ridge at about 2020m altitude.

Other walks included the Silica Rapids Track, which was at a lower altitude and passed through beech forest, wetlands near the stream and over scoria fields. Here the diversity of plants kept me well occupied! A walk through the forest round Lake Rotopounamu provided relief from the sunshine on a hot day and some of us then made it to the thermal baths at Takaanu Hot Springs, to relax sore limbs.

Unfortunately, four of us had to leave the camp two days early when Auckland went into Covid alert level 3, but the four days we spent up there were absolutely wonderful and an experience that I will remember for a very long time. A big thank you to Carolyn for her sterling work in making this basecamp possible. I am sure that other camp participants will have their own memories to share.

Here is a link to my photos <https://photos.app.goo.gl/hA6Ww17ZbiUCrJtr8>

Paul Maurice p.maurice@xtra.co.nz

CLUB CAPTAIN'S NOTICEBOARD

Health Card

For the benefit of new members, and perhaps some not so new, please remember to have your "Health Card" (Page 27 of our Handbook) completed and stored with your First Aid Kit. Whilst on the subject, when did you last update the card? Perhaps now is a good time for all members to get it out and check it and make any amendments!

Website Notices

Trip Leaders frequently post trip notices about forthcoming tramps to the Home Page on OFTC's website. These notices contain very relevant information. As an intending participant I check the Home Page at about 9pm, or later, of the evening immediately prior to tramp. Sometimes departure times change, leader's change, minimum gear requirements may be advised, trips are even cancelled. The last thing you, as an intending participant, want, is to arrive at the departure point to find that the team has already departed or that you have arrived at the wrong departure point because the trip venue has changed! Do visit the site before you retire the evening before, it may save you from a severe case of blushes.

Marcel Robb

Backpacking and Basecamps 2021-22

Dates	Venue	Nights	Grade	Leader
Sat 12 – Sun 13 Jun 2021 <i>Note altered dates</i>	Ces Clark Hut, West Coast	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 21 – Fri 25 Jun 2021	St James Walkway	4	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz
Sat 3 – Sun 4 July 2021	Magdalen Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 9 Aug – Fri 13 Aug 2021	Basecamp at Gentle Annie, Seddonville	4	Moderate	Jill Halliburton 3374973 / 02102267556 jillhb@globe.net.nz OR Vicki Steven 4210060 / 0221304342 Vicki_steven2005@yahoo.com.au
Sat 14 – Sun 15 August 2021	Boyle Flats Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 24 – Fri 28 Aug 2021	Old Ghost Road	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Sep 2021	Hawdon Hut, Arthurs Pass NP	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sat 16 – Sun 17 Oct 2021	Lake Daniels	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 7 – Mon 8 Nov 2021	Casey Hut	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 13 – Sun 14 Nov 2021	Nina Hut	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 22 – Wed 24 Nov 2021	Mueller Hut, Aoraki	2	Moderate	Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Mon 29 Nov – Fri 3 Dec 2021	North West Circuit, Stewart Island	4	Moderate	Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Sun 5 – Tue 7 Dec 2021	Waimakariri Falls, Arthurs Pass NP	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sat 11 – Sun 12 Dec 2021	Woolshed Creek, Hakatere	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sat 22 – Sun 23 Jan 2022	Jollie Brook Hut	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Sun 30 Jan – Wed 2 Feb 2022	Hope Kiwi Hut – Top Hope Hut – Nelson Tops	3	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Mon 14 – Fri 18 Feb 2022	Travers – Sabine Circuit, Nelson Lakes			Natasja Steenkamp 021 237 1934 tasjasteen@gmail.com
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Feb 2022	Ada Pass Hut, Lewis Pass	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Feb – Fri 4 Mar 2022	Welcome Flat Hut – Douglas Rock Hut, Westland	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz
Sun 6 – Tues 8 Mar 2022	Kirwans Hut – Montgomerie Hut circuit, Reefton	2	Moderate	Gerald Edmunds 342 6331 agedmunds@outlook.com
Sun 13 – Fri 18 Mar 2022	Basecamp – <i>location yet to be decided</i>	5	Moderate	Marcel Robb 039283733/0220125008 marcel.robb@gmail.com
Sat 19 – Sun 20 Mar 2022	Pinnacles Hut, Mt Somers	1	Moderate	Dean Stewart 960 3558 Stewy989@gmail.com
Mon 28 Mar – Fri 1 Apr 2022	Granity Pass Hut/Mount Owen, Westland	4	Moderate	Ian Fussell 850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz
Mon 11 – Thurs 14 Apr 2022	Huxley Hut – Broderick Hut	3	Moderate	Ian Fussell 3850856 / 02102719869 fussel@xtra.co.nz

Backpacking Tramps Confirmation System

Due to members withdrawing from backpacking tramps at late stages the committee decided the following conditions will apply:

- That a deposit of \$25 be paid to the leader no later than 6 weeks prior to departure if advertised more than 3 months ahead, otherwise at time of booking.
- The deposit will be non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances and at the discretion of the leader.
- Although the confirmation date will be advertised the actual tramp date will remain sufficiently flexible to allow changes to be made on account of the weather etc.

Gerald Edmunds Tel: 342 6331 or agedmunds@outlook.com
Base Camp and Backpacking Co-ordinator



G2 Scarborough Clock Tower to Godley Head, May 5.
Photo Mike Currie



G1 Orton Bradley, May 2. To the waterfall, Hunters Valley and Magnificent loop track, led by Bruce Stanton. Photo Mavis Airey

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CLUB CAPTAIN'S COLUMN

Whilst it is very pleasant to trudge up and down Mt Oxford nineteen times like I have, it does tend to get a bit repetitive after a while. It is a healthy feature for any tramping club to have a filter of "new" tramps coming through. A few of us trampers are blessed with an eye, open to new trip possibilities. Often these are the result of, what I call "threads". Let me explain.

Whilst writing my (own) trip report covering the recent Twizel Basecamp tramp to Dromedary Hill, I noted that the Dromedary Hill track continues, renamed as Pavilion Peak track, to, yes, Pavilion Peak. To my delight I found that the track continued still further, northward, to descend into the south fork of the Avon Burn. Here it joins the Melina Ridge track, which also doubles as part of the Te Araroa Trail. I am currently following a German lass who is walking the trail, south to north. Surprise, surprise, her You Tube posts include this segment of track. Twizel 2022 here we come. But more, across the Ahuriri River, then up the East Branch to descend Freehold Creek Te Araroa leads, the video footage was really encouraging. Good, I have two new tramp possibilities!

Not to be outdone, I identified that Ohau Peak, that elusive summit, might be ascended from the Quailburn, the southern end, three tramps. Now I am really, really encouraged, especially after Fresh Mapping up the Ahuriri valley a little to the Snowy Gorge Creek catchment. This I googled (<http://www.chrisgarden.com/>) and found excellent video footage of tramps to Snowy Gorge Creek Hut (four), Hideaway Hut (five) and Snowy Peak (six tramps). The mind boggles. But even more, from this website, across the valley, and behind the old Birchwood Station homestead, Mt Gladwish (seven), a steady climb, descending to the saddle, linking Ahuriri Base Hut with Top Dingleburn Hut, over which there is a track and poled route (eight). All this from my wondering where does that thread lead to. Then further still, up the Ahuriri Valley, Canyon Creek, tracked, I believe well worth a visit, this making nine new trip possibilities.

So you see, we all have eyes to see and a brain to think, all you need do is mull over the words "I wonder" when you next look at your map after your outing, then let the adrenaline flow as you chart new adventures.

I was in a dulcarnon. After pleasantly experiencing the recent apiricity, I partook in a Gramaungere with several friends, I have given it a capital G because it was. Whilst enjoying the aftermath, port in hand, and feeling like a gulchin, a minionette lady at the next table was chatting to her much older and increasingly agitated friend (perhaps daughter and father) about him becoming an opsigamist. One could not but help overhear. Her elderly bayard friend seemed to be completely missing the point, embarrassingly so. Should I, shouldn't I, that was my dilemma.

Marcel Robb

Club equipment

The following Club equipment is available for members to borrow:

Emergency tent: John Hayman 335 0984 (This tent may be useful for backpacking trips)

Books and tapes: Ian Fussell 385 0856

Emergency Shelters (4-6 person Bothy Bags). The Club has three, held by Ian Fussell 385 0856, Marcel Robb (03 928 3733 or 022 012 5008) and Gavin Hampton (343 1291). Excellent for groups.